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Southern California White House Conference

The Southern California White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, sponsored by Honorable James Rolph, Jr., Governor of California, will be held January 14, 1933, in the Auditorium of the State Building in Los Angeles, 217 West First Street. Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California, will preside. Representatives from eleven counties of southern California, chosen from among physicians, health officers, educators and social workers, will attend the conference.

Governor Rolph's personal representatives in the organizations of the conference are Dr. Giles S. Porter, Director of Public Health, Mrs. Rheba Crawford Splivalo, Director of Social Welfare, and Mr. Vierling Kersey, Director of the Department of Education for the State of California. Mrs. George B. Mangold of Los Angeles is southern vice-chairman of the social welfare section of the conference. Mrs. Leo Youngworth is chairman of the section on the physically handicapped, and Miss Louise Drury of Los Angeles is chairman of the section on dependency and neglect. Dr. J. D. Dunshee, City Health Officer of Pasadena, is chairman of the section on public health organization.

Among other southern Californians who serve as committee chairmen are Dr. Henry Dietrich of Los Angeles, Dr. Willard S. Ford, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Mrs. B. C. Clark of Glendora, and Mrs. C. E. Hunter of Los Angeles.

Following the southern California conference, similar conferences will be held in each county of the State. The names of the chairmen of the different sections for the counties of southern California follow:

Imperial County

General Chairman, _____

Medical Service, Dr. Floyd A. Burger, El Centro.

Public Health and Administration, Dr. Warren F. Fox, El Centro.

Education and Training, C. B. Collins, El Centro.

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General Chairman, Mrs. Edna Butler, Bishop.

Medical Service, Dr. Ben E. Nicola, Independence.

Public Health and Administration, Dr. Harvey W. Crook, Bishop.

Education and Training, Mrs. Ada W. Robinson, Bishop.

Social Welfare, Mrs. Claude H. Van Norman, Independence.

Los Angeles County

General Chairman, Mrs. Hugh Thatcher, Walnut.

Medical Service, Dr. Lyle G. McNeile, Los Angeles.

Public Health and Administration, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Los Angeles.

Education and Training, A. R. Clifton, Los Angeles.
Social Welfare, Mrs. J. K. Lytle, Los Angeles.

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General Chairman, Mrs. H. A. Gallup,
 San Luis Obispo.

Mono County
General Chairman, Judge Pat R. Parker,
 Bridgeport.
Medical Service, Dr. Gilbert A. Kelley, Bridgeport.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. Gilbert A. Kelley.

Medical Service, Dr. Gifford L. Sobey, Paso Robles.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. Allen F. Gilligan, San Luis Obispo.

Education and Training, Mrs. Nora A. Archer, Mono Lake.
Social Welfare, Mrs. Nora A. Archer.

Education and Training, Robert L. Bird, San Luis Obispo.

Social Welfare, Mrs. A. Loose, Paso Robles.

Santa Barbara County

General Chairman, Mrs. H. O. Koefod,
 Santa Barbara.

Orange County
General Chairman, Miss Kate Rea, Anaheim.
Medical Service, Dr. Edward Lee Russell, Santa Ana.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Santa Ana.
Education and Training, Ray Atkinson, Santa Ana.
Social Welfare, Mrs. Carl Mock, Santa Ana.

Medical Service, Dr. Rexwald Brown, Santa Barbara.

Public Health and Administration, Dr. R. C. Main, Santa Barbara.

Education and Training, Mrs. Muriel Edwards, Santa Barbara.

Social Welfare, Mrs. Taylor McDougall, Santa Barbara.

Riverside County
General Chairman, Mrs. Frank Lord, Riverside.
Medical Service, Dr. Wm. W. Roblee, Riverside.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. Wm. B. Wells, Riverside.
Education and Training, Ezra E. Smith, Riverside.
Social Welfare, Mrs. Henry E. DeNyse, Riverside.

Ventura County

General Chairman, Mrs. Daniel Baptiste, Somis.

Medical Service, Dr. Ralph W. Homer, Ventura.

Public Health and Administration, Dr. A. A. Maulhardt, Oxnard.

Education and Training, Mrs. Blanche Reynolds, Ventura.

Social Welfare, Mrs. Daniel Baptiste, Somis.

Governor James Rolph, Jr.'s

California White House Conference on Child Health
 and Protection

Los Angeles, California, January 14, 1933

Auditorium, State Building, 217 West First Street

PROGRAM

Dr. Robert G. Sproul, President, University of California, Chairman

9.30-10.00 A.M.—Registration

Introductory Remarks

Plan of Organization

Mr. N. P. Neilson, Supervisor of Physical Education,
 State Department of Education

Discussion

Summary of Discussion

Dr. W. P. Shepard, Secretary, Western Branch
 American Public Health Association

Luncheon

2.00 P.M.—Program of Work

Dr. Ellen S. Stadtmuller, Chairman of Executive Committee

Reports of Section Chairmen

Discussion

San Bernardino County
General Chairman, John B. Griffing,
 San Bernardino.
Medical Service, Dr. Chas. A. Wylie, San Bernardino.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. E. B. Godfrey, San Bernardino.
Education and Training, Ida M. Collins, San Bernardino.
Social Welfare, Mrs. George H. Bunnell, Redlands.

San Diego County

General Chairman, Mrs. Glen H. Munkelt,
 San Diego.
Medical Service, Dr. Donald K. Wood, San Diego.
Public Health and Administration, Dr. A. M. Lesem,
 San Diego.
Education and Training, Miss Ada York, San Diego.
Social Welfare, Mrs. Marcus Robbins, San Diego.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH IN 1870

The committee on hospitals of the California Legislature of 1870 reported out favorably a bill which provided for the organization of the California State Board of Health. The attitude of the members of the Senate committee is indicated in the report which accompanied the recommendation and which reads, in part, as follows:

"We believe that whatever relates to life and the promotion of health is of paramount importance to the human family and that a community ignorant of properly collected facts concerning its vital history is culpably neglectful and but feebly defended against the 'pestilence that walketh in darkness and destroyeth at noonday.' This belief is strengthened by what is now continually afforded in the happy results of domestic and civic hygiene, wherever practiced, urged by the progressive minds of the medical profession.

* * * We confidently believe that whatever will tend to enlarge our knowledge, not only of preventive diseases but also of the lengthening out of human life, will most surely subserve the best interests of the people, and must prove of vast benefit to the State from an economical point of view. Knowledge is what is wanted, to be diffused and spread broadcast over the land, to be brought within the reach of all classes, and especially workingmen. Every day of sickness, whether produced from any one of the thousand circumstances intimately connected with the several trades and vocations, insalubrity of the workshop, the city, village, or domicile, or by accident, is indeed so much cash capital deducted from the fund upon which they and their families can alone depend for support. Yet it is frequently the case that we overlook every principle of hygiene and therefore regularly pay the penalty imposed by the moloch of preventable disease, as is demonstrated in the crowded condition of county hospitals and lunatic asylums.

Not humanity, merely, but a wise policy, therefore, unite in calling upon us to do all that can be done to foster and promote sanitary investigations. They belong to the patriot no less than the philanthropist. They involve future prosperity and national greatness. The mischief done by disease is not to be measured by the number of deaths. That is the least part of the result. The paralyzing influence upon emigration, and the natural increase of population, is sufficiently disastrous; but the real and lasting injury lies in the deterioration of race, in the seeds of disease transmitted to future generations, in the degeneracy and decay which are seldom detected till the evil is irreparable."

DR. JOHN CRAWFORD DIES

Dr. John Crawford, City Health Officer of Santa Paula, died recently. He had served his city for a long period of years and had always faithfully performed the duties of his office. Dr. C. R. Illick has been appointed as his successor.

DOCTOR BRYAN TO GIVE EXTENSION COURSES

Dr. Edith S. Bryan, Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing, will give a new course on the application of psychology to nursing in the University of California Extension Division. This course has been given at regular sessions of the university for some time, but it now becomes available to nurses who may be in service. It should be of interest to both public health and clinical nurses and the fact that the course is given on both sides of the bay enables many nurses to take advantage of the work. The courses begin on January 16 in Oakland and on January 17 in San Francisco. Following is the University Extension announcement of the course:

The Application of Psychology to Nursing XB 421

The bearing of psychology on the work of the nurse in her presentation of methods for the conservation of health.

15 meetings; 2 units. Enrollment fee, \$12; Registration fee, \$1.

San Francisco Section: Tuesday, January 17; 7-9 p.m., Room 102, 540 Powell St.

Oakland Section: Monday, January 16; 4-6 p.m., Room 104, 1730 Franklin St.

JAIL SENTENCE FOR MAINTAINING CROSS CONNECTIONS

For several years, the Water Department of the City of Los Angeles has waged an energetic campaign against the practice of making cross connections between foreign sources of water supply and the city distributing system. This practice is forbidden by city ordinance No. 66498. It was discovered recently that certain fish companies in the harbor district maintained such cross connections between the city system and their own system, which provided water pumped from the bay. On December 7, 1932, complaints were sworn by officials of the water department against four fish companies which maintained these cross connections. In the hearing which followed, the water department traced its vigilance in protecting its own supply and showed how its efforts were nullified through the maintenance of these cross connections. The court imposed jail sentences of fifteen days upon each of the defendants without the alternative of a fine. Subsequently, the sentences were suspended with warnings that future violations would result in more severe sentences not subject to suspension.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT OFFICIALS ELECT OFFICERS

At the third annual convention of mosquito abatement district officials, held at the University of California recently, Harold Farnsworth Gray, Chief Engineer and Executive Officer of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District, was elected president of the organization, and E. A. Reinke, Senior Sanitary Engineer of the State Department of Public Health, was elected secretary.

Since May 1, 1932, in the interests of economy, malaria control in California has been under the supervision of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering of the State Department of Public Health. Mr. Reinke as Senior Sanitary Engineer has been placed in direct charge of these activities, which cover general supervision over the mosquito control work accomplished by the twenty-two mosquito abatement districts of California. The Bureau of Sanitary Engineering has been able to carry on this work in addition to its routine activities, thereby conserving State funds to a considerable extent.

DEATH COMES TO DR. RAFAEL G. DUFFICY

Dr. Rafael G. Dufficy, who for many years was health officer of Marin County and of San Rafael, died suddenly shortly before Christmas. Dr. Dufficy had practiced medicine in Marin County for many years and had served the people of his city and of his county faithfully in the administration of their public health affairs. During recent years he has devoted all of his time to the practice of his profession. He maintained an active interest in public health, however, and his passing is a loss to the people of Marin County, to the medical profession and to the public health.

MORBIDITY*

Diphtheria.

44 cases of diphtheria have been reported, as follows: Fresno County 1, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 3, Compton 1, Los Angeles 15, Pasadena 1, Santa Monica 2, Bell 1, Carmel 1, Monterey 1, Santa Ana 2, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 1, San Bernardino County 1, San Diego County 1, La Mesa 4, San Francisco 1, Stockton 1, Tracy 1, Redwood City 1, Tulare County 1, Ventura County 2.

Influenza.

1240 cases of influenza have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as

* From reports received on January 3d and 4th for week ending December 31st.

follows: Albany 17, Berkeley 144, Oakland 54, Colusa 18, Los Angeles County 25, Los Angeles 169, Orange County 14, Plumas County 22, Sacramento 32, San Francisco 567.

Measles.

92 cases of measles have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as follows: Los Angeles 57.

Scarlet Fever.

112 cases of scarlet fever have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as follows: Los Angeles County 10, Los Angeles 34.

Whooping Cough.

113 cases of whooping cough have been reported. Those communities reporting 10 or more cases are as follows: Los Angeles 31, Sacramento County 11.

Smallpox.

7 cases of smallpox have been reported, as follows: Los Angeles 6, Santa Clara County 1.

Typhoid Fever.

5 cases of typhoid fever have been reported, as follows: Fresno County 1, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 1, San Francisco 1, Ventura County 1.

Meningitis (Epidemic).

5 cases of epidemic meningitis have been reported, as follows: Hayward 2, Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 1.

Encephalitis (Epidemic).

One case of epidemic encephalitis from Oakland has been reported.

Botulism.

2 cases of botulism from San Luis Obispo County have been reported.

Undulant Fever.

2 cases of undulant fever have been reported, as follows: Williams 1, Redlands 1.

Septic Sore Throat.

2 cases of septic sore throat have been reported, as follows: Bakersfield 1, Ross 1.

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